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\*\*\* Iowa Officials Yield in Demand for Pregnancy Records \*\*\*

The Des Moines Register reports an Iowa County Attorney yesterday asked the State Supreme Court to let him withdraw his subpoena demanding a Planned Parenthood clinic's pregnancy test records, which authorities hoped would lead them to the mother of a dead baby boy. Still, the privacy rights of Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa's patients are still in jeopardy, officials warned.

Read more: <http://www.hipaadvisory.com/news/index.cfm#1010dmr>

\*\*\* OCR Releases New Privacy Rule FAQ & Unofficial Version of Modified Privacy

Rule Text \*\*\*

This week, HHS' Office of Civil Rights released new frequently asked questions about the HIPAA Privacy Rule as well as an unofficial version of the complete regulation text for the privacy rule (Parts 160 and 164), as modified (05/31/02, 08/14/02).

Read the new Privacy Rule FAQs:

<http://www.hipaadvisory.com/action/faqs/faqs1001.doc>

Read the unofficial version of the Privacy Rule regulation text, as amended (2.5 MB PDF): <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/combinedregtext.pdf>

\*\*\* NCVHS Alerts Thompson to Covered Entities' Confusion \*\*\*

The Subcommittee on Privacy and Confidentiality of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) heard from witnesses throughout New England on September 10 and 11, 2002 in Boston as part of its duty monitoring covered entities' HIPAA implementation. Although additional hearings are scheduled in late October and early November in Baltimore and Salt Lake City, the NCVHS was so troubled by the Boston testimony that it sent its initial findings and recommendations to HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson in a letter dated September 27, 2002.

Read more: <http://www.hipaadvisory.com/news/index.cfm#1008ncvhs>

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\* Sample PDA IT support policy \*

<http://www.hipaadvisory.com/action/security/index.htm#pdapolicy>

\* SANS' HIPAA Security Policy Development:

A Collaborative Approach \*

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\* Injuries Become a Federal Case \*

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HIPAAlive Discussion List: <http://www.hipaadvisory.com/live/>

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